the Bangladesh Government to take credible measures which would convince the refugees that it is safe for th£m to return to their homes. Although the Bangladesh Government have claimed that conditions are conducive to the return of the refugees, the refugees have so far remained unconvinced and have refused to return. It is not possible to give a time-frame for the return of the Jefogees, as this depends on concrete action by Bangladesh.

Appointment of regular Chief Justices in the High Courts

66. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of such High Courts where temporary Chief Justices.are functioning at present and if so, sarce when and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when the regular Chief Justices are proposed to be- appointed In -these High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) As on 25.4.88, the following High Courts were having Acting Chief Justices from the dates indicated below, as the office of permanent Chief Justice was vacant:—

Delhi	17.3.88
Madhya Pradesh . . .	19.1.88
Madras	14.3.88
Patna	2.1.88

The appointment of Chief Justices in the High Courts involves deliberations in consultation with the concerned constitutional authorities.

The appointment of Chief Justice, Patna High Court is to be notified shortly, The appointment 'of permanent' Chief Justices to the other High Courts is being processed, 304 RS—2

Use of Sanskrit language in computers-

*67. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE;
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be" pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has. been drawn to the possibility of the better suitability of Sanskrit language for use in contputers for Artificial. Intelligence; and

(b) if so, what stePs are being taken in this regard: and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THEB MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ'PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Department of Electronics has. launched Knowledge Based Computer System/Fith Generation Computer Sys^ terns" (KBCS/FGCS) project during Seventh Plan period to carry out research and development in the frontier areas of computer engineering. Under this project, six nodal centres have been set up with Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay, National Centre for Software Technology (NCST), Bombay, Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta Indian Institute *ot* Technology Madras and Department of Electronics, New Delhi, The research in the field of Natural Language for: computers is "being conducted at NCST Bombay.

As an attempt to give thrust for research in this field, 'National Conference of Knowledge Representation and Inference in Sanskritam' was organised at Bangalore dfarittg December 20-22, 1986. This Conference was- attended by experts from India and abroad in the fields of Computer Science,'lingufetici;. and Ediscation. The experitise of Sanskrit scholars is being sought under the FGCS/KBCS programme through the nridal centres as detailed above. A project on the use of Sanskrit as a natural langujige to' serve as an " artificial inelligence also,, is being formulated under the EGCS/KBqs programme. The re-. search 'work'is feeing coordinated by De-partaient of Electronics.